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KSIC's Secret Counter?!

Public queue up from 5 am to buy Mysore Silk saree at KSIC showroom while people with VIP influence quietly pick up sarees at counter inside KSIC Centenary Building after 3 pm

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BLU&BCT)- In what many see as a mockery of the spirit of equality in a democracy, an exclusive or call it a secret 'VIP Counter' at the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation Limited (KSIC) showroom on Manandavadi Road is drawing criticism for favouring the influential over ordinary buyers.

Accessible only to a select few with the right connections, the counter has sparked comparisons to colonial-era privilege, where access to public goods was reserved for the elite.

People line up outside KSIC showroom since 5 am. Pic. right: ***The Centenary Building inside which is the secret saree pick up counter.***

Outside the showroom, however, the scene is starkly different. Women begin queuing up as early as 5 am, waiting patiently for a chance to buy the prized Mysore Silk sarees.

Yet, even as these long lines grow, influential buyers are able to purchase the coveted sarees within minutes through the exclusive counter, leaving many regular customers frustrated.

(See KSIC on page 7)

GONE IN... TWO DAYS!

Ex-Minister S.R. Mahesh says: CESC Officer 'demoted' and transferred 2 days after taking charge for refusing Dr. Yathindra's request

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BS)- State JD(S) Working President and former Minister S.R. Mahesh, has in a press release, alleged that MLC Dr. Yathindra, son of CM Siddaramaiah, was behind the demotion and transfer of an official attached to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), within two days of the latter assuming a new post in city.

S.R. Mahesh

Dr. Yathindra

He said, transfer was triggered after the official allegedly refused to appoint a person recommended by Dr. Yathindra as an orderlie. Lokesh, who was serving as Superintending Engineer at CESC, had recently been posted to Mysuru as Director (Technical). In his new role, he was authorised to appoint an orderlie to assist him. He had appointed a person recommended by Srirangapatna MLA and CESC Chairman A.B. Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda to the orderlie's post.

Mahesh further alleged that Lokesh later received a call from Dr. Yathindra asking him to appoint a person of his (Dr. Yathindra's) choice as orderlie. When Lokesh reportedly explained that the post had already been filled on CESC Chairman's recommendation, it did not go down well with the CM's son.

(See CESC on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

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Mysuru, Tuesday 21st April 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHO GETS TO HAVE A CHILDHOOD?: ***In contemporary India, childhood is often romanticised as a universal, protected phase of innocence, curiosity and care. Yet, a closer look at early education reveals an unequal reality. Childhood is stratified, structured and, in many cases, denied. Step into an elite urban preschool and one encounters carefully curated spaces with low student-teacher ratios, sensory play corners, inquiry based learning and an emphasis on emotional well-being. Childhood here is extended, protected and enriched. Play is not just permitted; it is pedagogically valued. Mistakes are part of learning, curiosity is cultivated and the child is seen as an active agent.***

Now contrast this with an under-resourced setting such as an anganwadi or a low-fee private school. Here, the discourse of "early learning" often translates into premature academic pressure. Children as young as three or four are made to trace alphabets, memorise numbers and sit through rigid routines. Play becomes a luxury. The emphasis shifts from exploration to compliance and from curiosity to correctness. This contrast is not incidental. It reflects a deeper political economy of childhood...

If we accept that childhood lays the foundation for all future learning, then unequal childhoods produce unequal futures. The issue is not simply about access to schooling but about the quality and nature of experiences within those spaces. Who gets to ask questions without fear? Who is encouraged to imagine? Who is allowed to fail safely? And crucially, who is not? Addressing this demands a fundamental shift in how early education is valued and resourced.

Investments in teacher training, particularly in play-based and socio-emotional learning approaches, are critical. It also requires rethinking assessment practices that push academic benchmarks into inappropriate age groups.

Equally important is challenging the societal belief that earlier is better when it comes to formal learning. Public investment must prioritise early childhood as foundational, not supplementary.

Accountability frameworks should shift from narrow academic outcomes to holistic indicators such as well-being, engagement and social development. When childhood itself becomes unequal, education ceases to be an equaliser. It becomes a mechanism of reproduction. In that moment, we must ask whether we are nurturing learners or merely sorting them. Childhood should not be a privilege. It should be a right. *—Upasha Kumari in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Oldest gorilla in captivity turns 69

Berlin: Fatou, the world's oldest gorilla living in captivity, celebrated her 69th birthday with a feast Monday, munching on cherry tomatoes, beets, leeks and lettuce at the Berlin Zoo.

Fatou, a western lowland gorilla, arrived in what was then West Berlin in 1959. She was believed to be about 2 years old at the time, though her exact birth date isn't known — April 13 is her designated birthday. Gorillas can live for around 35-40 years in the wild and longer in captivity.

These days, Fatou lives in an enclosure of her own and prefers to keep her distance from the zoo's other gorillas in her old age. She's lost her teeth and she suffers from a touch of arthritis and hearing loss.

Dog lost in a wild rescued by chopper

Wellington: When a hiker fell from a 55-metre (180-foot) waterfall in wild New Zealand bush, rescuers were forced to evacuate the badly hurt woman without her dog, which couldn't be found.

After strangers raised thousands of dollars for a search, border collie Molly was flown to safety by a helicopter pilot who was determined to reunite pet and owner.

An emergency rescue helicopter found the woman with bruises and lacerations after a fall at a rocky spot at the waterfall on the South Island's West Coast. She was airlifted on March 24 but they were forced to leave without her pet.

Matt Newton, the owner-operator of Precision Helicopters New Zealand, took to the skies with a veterinary nurse, volunteer searchers and a dog named Bingo in a renewed search for Molly. "We struck jackpot within about an hour. As we made our way up the river, we could see the dog in the thermal and then we could visually see it," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Govt. employees cultural meet at Dharwad on Apr. 26

Mysuru, Apr.21 (GA&DM)- The State Government employees cultural meet (Samskrutika Sammelana) will be held at Vidyavardhaka Sangha auditorium in Dharwad on Apr. 26.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, State Government Employees Cultural and Literary Council (Parishat) District President Dr. K. Lakshmi said the meet will commence at 10 am on Apr. 26. More than a thousand Government employees from across the State will attend the meet and exhibit their skills and talent. The meet will also feature installation of new office-bearers and felicitation to achiever Government employees, she added.

Council General Secretary B.N. Pallavi, senior Vice-President Mamatha, office-bearers Ganesh Niluvagilu and Raghavendra were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **98.47 feet**	Today's level **2,259.55 feet**	Today's level **2,829.21 feet**
Last year's level **99.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,266.00 feet**	Last year's level **2,832.30 feet**
Yesterday's level **98.98 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,259.91 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.55 feet**
Today's Inflow **92 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **80 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **108 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,365 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **275 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Kharai Camel: Found in Gujarat, this is a unique breed of camel that can swim and grazes on mangroves in the sea.***
- ***Gharial: A rare crocodile species with a very long snout, found in the Chambal River, are known for having a devoted mother that protects her young for up to six months.***
- ***Sloth Bear: These bears are unique for carrying their young on their backs.***
- ***Lion-tailed Macaque: A monkey with a mane of hair around its face, is similar to a lion.***
- ***Pygmy Hog: The smallest pig species in the world is found in Assam.***
- ***Indian Elephant: Known for being smaller than African elephants, only male Indian elephants typically grow prominent, visible tusks.***

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Q: *What kind of photos will you find on a turtle's phone?*
A: *SHELL-FIES!*

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GAGAN M S
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CHIRANTH N J
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426 (85.20 %)

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425 (85.00 %)

DAKSHA SUPRATHIK. J
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423 (84.60 %)

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415 (83.00 %)

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414 (82.80 %)

JORDAN DOMINIC
411 (82.20 %)

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409 (81.80 %)

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406 (81.20 %)

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The Management, Principals and Staff congratulate all students and their parents on this outstanding achievement.

NEWS BRIEFS

Discourses at RK Ashram

The following discourses have been organised at Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in Yadavagiri from 6 pm to 6.50 pm: Apr. 23 - Swami Jnanayoganandaji will deliver a talk on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada; Apr. 25 - Swami Ishtanathanandaji will talk on 'Kaivalyopanishad' in English; Apr. 26 - Swami Jnanayoganandaji will talk on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada.

Free Cancer Detection Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Apr. 23 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

PUC student ends life

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&KS)- A student ended her life by hanging self at her house in Garudachar Layout in Vijayanagar on Friday.

The deceased student is the daughter of a former Corporator and was pursuing her 1st PUC at a private college in Vijayanagar in city.

On Friday, the girl, who went to the college, returned home and later hanged herself in her room when the family members were away. Vijayanagar Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

Post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members, who performed the last rites on Sunday.

House burgled

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (PM&KS)- Burglars, who entered a house by cutting the iron rods of the window, have decamped with 110 grams gold jewellery from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of one Zubair on Huyilalu Bypass Road, near Yelwal and the incident came to light on Saturday afternoon.

About four days back, Zubair, along with his family members, had gone out of station and the burglary came to light when they returned. A complaint has been lodged at Yelwal Police Station in this regard and the Cops, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Drunken brawl death case

Three persons including rowdy sheeter arrested

Police on lookout for three others

Nishanth

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BLU&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested three persons including a rowdy sheeter in connection with the death of a man who was allegedly pushed to death from the second floor of a pub building at Vijayanagar in city on Saturday night.

While the deceased is Nishanth (30), a resident of Gokulam in city, those arrested are rowdy sheeter Manoj from Hebbal, Vinod of Kumbarakoppal and Prashanth from Abhishek Circle.

The Police have launched a hunt to nab prime accused Rakesh alias Rocky, a rowdy sheeter from Kumbarakoppal, Pruthvi and Nithin of Vijayanagar.

All the three have gone absconding. On Saturday night, Nishanth, along with two of his friends, had gone to the pub and were consuming liquor while the six accused were sitting on opposite table and also consuming liquor. When the accused were reportedly speaking in a loud voice, Nishanth is said to have told them to speak in a low voice.

Irked over this, rowdy sheeters Rakesh and Manoj, along with four of their accomplices, assaulted Nishanth and his friends and pushed Nishanth from the second floor of the building leading to his death.

Vijayanagar Police, who had registered a case, succeeded in arrested three of the six accused and are on the lookout for three others, who are absconding.

Bars operating beyond permitted time

Most of the bars and wine stores, especially those running under the influence of officials and influential people, run the business beyond 11 pm, the permissible time. The murder at the pub in Vijayanagar took place at 11.40 pm and as per Excise Department rules, liquor should not be served after 11 pm. If the pup had followed the rule, most probably, the murder would not have taken place. This shows that the pub was conducting business after 11 pm. CCTV footages of the drunken brawl and murder also show the time when the footage was recorded. Most of the bars are conducting business till 2 am. How the Police have allowed bars to operate in violation of the rules is the question.

Activist alleges Ashraya land scam in city

Snehamayi Krishna

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&DM)- Coming up with disclosure of yet another land scam in the city, RTI Activist Snehamayi Krishna has alleged that the MCC officials have illegally sold a land meant for Ashraya Housing Scheme to others. Addressing a press meet on Saturday, Snehamayi Krishna said that the Ashraya land in question was at Rammanahalli village in Kasaba hobli of the taluk.

"The officials, apart from sanctioning sites in 10 guntas of Ashraya land ordered by a Court, have also sold an additional 20 guntas of land illegally, which smells of a scam. The State Government had purchased the said land between 2003 and 2005 in Survey No.259/3 of Rammanahalli in Mysuru, for distributing Ashraya sites among the poor."

"The Sale Deed in respect of the purchase made was registered on Mar. 19, 2005. Later on, one Sundramma, daughter of Kenchaiah, the original land owner who had sold the land, filed a petition in the Court seeking her share in the deal," he said.

"The Court, which heard Sundramma's plea, ordered the Government to part with 10 guntas of land to her, while the rest 20 guntas of land stayed with the Government. However, the officials, hiding this fact from the Government, prepared a false map mentioning that the 20 guntas of land too belonged to the land owner Kenchaiah. Subsequently, the officials issued documents to Chowdamma and her children and Syed Faizal. Later on, these persons sold the land to two others," he claimed.

Accusing the MCC and Rammanahalli Town Panchayat officials of failing to protect and secure the said land purchased by the Government for Ashraya Scheme, Krishna said, he has written a letter in this regard to the Mysuru Regional Commissioner seeking action on the issue.

Activists Aravind Sharma and Suresh Rammanahalli were present at the press meet.

Youth loses Rs. 12.71 lakh to online fraudsters

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&KS)- A youth, who had invested Rs. 12.71 lakh believing a WhatsApp message, has lost the money to online fraudsters.

The youth, who lost his money in Manoj (name changed), a resident of Vijayanagar in city.

On Mar. 26, Manoj received a message on his WhatsApp from an unknown number which stated, "Take a screenshot, send it to 'Rep Aditi' group on Telegram and collect money" and Manoj's number was added to 'B-Nayakaamaal Task - 348' group on Telegram app.

Manoj was given tasks every day which he used to complete. Later, the fraudsters instructed Manoj to invest money and then complete the given tasks, following which Manoj invested money and began to complete the tasks.

On Mar. 26 itself, Manoj had earned Rs. 1,700. He was being given tasks and Manoj had completed them. When he tried to withdraw the invested amount, he was unable to do so and then log on to *saali.com* web page and he was instructed to update his bank account. But even after updating his bank account details, Manoj was unable to withdraw the money. From Mar. 26 till Apr. 4, Manoj had invested Rs. 12.17 lakh in phases.

Realising that he had been cheated, Manoj lodged a complaint with the Cyber Crime Police, who have registered a case.

Obituary

Gillian Meyn

Mysuru, Apr. 21- Gillian Meyn (60), a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this evening.

Hanumantharaya

Hanumantharaya (59), an employee of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and a resident of Chikkaveeranna Road in Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap this afternoon.

K.V. Purushotham

K.V. Purushotham (80), a resident of R.S. Naidu Nagar in Kerase 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife K.R. Padmini, two sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Pailwan Lakshminarayana

Hunsur: Pailwan Lakshminarayana (73), a resident of Karigowda Street, passed away on Sunday in the town. He leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the burial grounds near the Pump House in the town yesterday.

Anantharaja Gowda

Madikeri: Anantharaja Gowda (82), a writer, researcher and a freedom fighter, passed away in the town yesterday. A native of Puttur taluk in Dakshina Kannada, he was residing at Kotekaadu village in K. Nidugane Gram Panchayat limits in Madikeri.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Makkandur village today.

He had authored many books including the history of Kedambadi Ramaiah Gowda among others. He had also strived hard for the installation of the bronze statue of Kedambadi Ramaiah Gowda. He was also the recipient of Arebhashe Shaitya Academy Award among others.

VOICE OF THE READER

Chaotic Property Tax process at Hootagalli CMC

Sir,

Property tax collection at the Hootagalli City Municipal Council (HCMC) is drawing criticism for poor arrangements and inefficient management.

Despite being a key revenue-generating local body, basic facilities for taxpayers remain inadequate. The token system is ineffective, leading to confusion and overcrowding at the office.

There is no proper queue management, seating is insufficient and overall public handling leaves much to be desired. Taxpayers often wait for long hours, with delays attributed to staff being unavailable due to field duties. The situation has caused inconvenience to many, particularly senior citizens and working individuals.

Residents say it is unfair that citizens contributing to the Council's revenue are subjected to such hardship. They have urged the authorities to streamline the process, improve infrastructure and ensure adequate staff presence to manage the rush efficiently.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
16.4.2026

Mysuru student qualifies for Intl. Codeavour 7.0

Mysuru, Apr. 21- Mohammed Hasen Khan, a 12-year-old student of Presentation Public School, Mysuru, has emerged victorious at the prestigious Codeavour International 7.0, showcasing outstanding innovation at the National platform.

Hasen Khan secured top honours for his project *'Dr. TITAN - Therapeutic Intelligence and Training Assistance Network,'* an intelligent system designed to support both physical health and mental well-being. His idea stands out for its focus on understanding human emotions while also promoting overall health, addressing some of the most pressing challenges faced by society today.

The project aims to tackle growing concerns such as stress among students, loneliness among the elderly and the lack of systems that provide real-time emotional and health support. By combining these aspects into one solution, Hasen Khan has presented a forward-thinking approach to modern healthcare needs.

With this win, he has been selected for the International CODEAVOUR 7.0 Competition and will be representing India at Jakarta in Indonesia next month.

Apart from his achievement in innovation, Hasen Khan has an impressive profile at a very young age. He is an India Book of Records holder at the age of 7, a National medallist in Muay Thai and an active public speaker.

Dress code for K-CET from tomorrow

Bengaluru, Apr. 21- With the three-day K-CET (Karnataka-Common Entrance Test) for admission to professional courses in colleges of Karnataka scheduled to be held from Apr. 22 to 24 (Apr. 22: Kannada for outstation Kannadigas and Apr. 23 and 24: core subjects), the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has introduced dress code for students appearing for the exam.

The CET will be held in 745 centres across the State, with 3.30 lakh students having registered for the exam. The KEA, which has introduced dress code, has asked the students to follow the code strictly while appearing for the exam.

As per the dress code, the boy students are not allowed to wear full-arm shirts and it is mandatory for them to wear only half-arm shirts. The shirts should be free of collar as far as possible and it is advised that students wear T-shirts.

The pants should be pocket-less or only single-pocket and be simple in nature. Students are advised not to wear kurta-pyjamas or jeans.

Wearing of shoes is strictly barred inside the exam hall. The students are advised to wear slippers or light-weight foot wear and wearing of any metallic jewellery around the neck or wearing ear studs, finger rings or other jewellery article is also banned.

Girl students are barred from wearing embroidery or buttoned dresses. The girl students are asked not to wear full armed clothes and jeans.

All the students are barred from bringing electronic gadgets such as cell phones, pen drives, ear phones, micro phones, blue tooth gadgets and wrist watches into exam halls.

Also food packets are not allowed inside exam centres. This apart, water bottles too are not allowed as the authorities have made drinking water arrangements at exam centres. Pencils, papers, erasers, geometry box and logarithm tables are not allowed inside exam halls.

The students are required to mandatorily bring the hall tickets along with their photo identity card. The students will not be allowed to leave the exam hall until the last bell.

Senior advocate H.V.S. Murthy felicitation on Apr. 25

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&DM)- Senior advocate of the city H.V.S. Murthy will be felicitated on his 80th birthday at a programme organised at K.V.R. Wedding Bells premises in Vishweswaranagar Second Stage here at 10.30 am on Apr. 25.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Advocate M.S. Ravindra said a felicitation volume detailing the struggles of H.V.S. Murthy will also be released on the occasion.

Sarvajayananda Swamiji of Ramakrishna Ashram will grace the occasion. MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy will inaugurate the event and KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa will preside.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, MLA H.S. Ganesh Prasad, Karnataka Bar Council Member Chandramouli, S. Narayanrao of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, City JD(S) President SBM Manju and others will take part, Ravindra said.

Shivashankar, M. Sunil and H.V. Ravikanth were present at the press meet.

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Security overhaul, curbing illegalities

Mysuru jail to get 45 ex-servicemen

Govt. to appoint 550 ex-servicemen to restore discipline in prisons across State

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (AG&BCT)- In a move to curb illegal activities in prisons and address concerns over VIP treatment to inmates, the State Government has approved the appointment of 550 ex-servicemen across select jails.

Alok Kumar

Mysuru Central Prison will be allotted 45 ex-servicemen, who will work alongside existing staff to maintain order and keep vigil inside barracks.

Their primary role will be to prevent the smuggling of contraband such as drugs, mobile phones and liquor. Officials believe their military training and discipline will enhance surveillance and strengthen prison management.

Restoring discipline, order

This is the first time such an initiative is being implemented in Karnataka. The aim is to strengthen security and restore discipline in correctional facilities. Although a similar proposal was explored in Bihar in 2012, it was never implemented.

Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services) Alok Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that the appointments will be on a temporary, contract basis until vacant warder posts are filled. The Government has sanctioned a monthly outlay of Rs. 1.87 crore towards salaries, he said.

Under a special exemption in the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act, 1999, personnel will be engaged directly through the Ex-Servicemen Welfare Society, with the DGP (Prisons) authorised to oversee the process.

Selected candidates will be appointed on a one-year contract, renewable based on performance and fitness.

Preventing VIP treatment

"Prisons today face issues such as contraband circulation, mobile phone misuse and clashes among inmates. Existing staff are often overstretched. Ex-servicemen, with their discipline and experience in handling high-pressure situations, bring a different capability," Alok Kumar said.

He added that their presence is expected to curb VIP treatment and improve overall discipline. "The focus is on restoring order and credibility in prisons," he said.

The district-wise allocation includes Mysuru (45), Kodagu (10) and Chamarajanagar (10). Eligibility criteria include an age below 45 years, physical fitness to run 3 kms in 20 minutes and a clean record without any criminal history.

He clarified that the initiative will be implemented on a trial basis for one year, after which a detailed policy framework will be finalised. "Clear roles, reporting structures and renewal conditions will be defined to avoid overlap with existing staff. Once formalised, the system will function smoothly," he added.

The appointed ex-servicemen would receive an average salary of about Rs. 34,000 per month, with take-home pay estimated at Rs. 28,000 - Rs.30,000 after administrative deductions, which is still higher than typical ex-servicemen contracts in banks or ATMs.

Contraband hurled into Mandya Sub-Jail

Mobile phone, 10-gram ganja seized from inmate

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (BCT)- In the wake of recent seizures of narcotics and mobile phones inside Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, the State Government had ordered intensified inspections across all prisons. However, similar incidents continue to surface, with repeated cases now being reported from Mysuru Central Prison as well.

Despite strict directives issued by the Home Minister and the Director General of Prisons, breaches persist. Last month, during a surprise inspection at Mysuru Prison, officials found a SIM card concealed inside a toilet.

In the latest incident, contraband was recovered from Mandya Sub-Jail at Chamundeshwarinagar on Saturday. Reports said that unidentified miscreants hurled the items from outside the prison into the inner compound.

Acting on the information, prison staff searched Cell No. 4, occupied by an inmate identified as Naga, alias 'Handi Naga.' They recovered a ball wrapped in black tape. Upon opening it, officials found a mobile phone and about 10 grams of a substance suspected to be ganja.

CCTV footage shows that between 8.40 am and 9 am on Saturday, two unidentified persons arrived on a motorbike near the Sub-Jail and threw a packet over the main wall into the premises. Visuals confirmed that the packet landed inside the compound and was later picked up by the inmate from Cell No. 4.

Following the incident, Jail Officer Paramananda Haravala lodged a complaint at the Mandya West Police Station. A case has been registered.

Jail authorities are probing how the contraband was smuggled into the prison despite heightened security and who was behind the act.

KSRTC workers begin indefinite stir in Bengaluru

Bus services not hit

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, the staff and workers of all the four State-run Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC & KKRTC) began an indefinite stir at Freedom Park in Bengaluru this morning.

The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of KSRTC Staff and Workers Union and all other Unions of the four Transport Corporations had called for an indefinite stir at Bengaluru starting from today. This stir is part of the continued struggle by the employees regarding wage arrears and salary revision.

However, public transport services across the State were not hit in any way, as only the employees with week-off and those on leave, are taking part in the stir on rotation basis.

The key reasons for the stir are Wage arrears - Payment of 38 months of salary arrears; Pay revision - Implementation of the 7th Pay Commission model, with wage parity on par with Government employees, effective from Jan. 1, 2024; Unmet demands - Rejection of the Government's phased payment offer, as workers demanded full payment of arrears; Union recognition - Immediate conduct of Union elections for the recognition of Labour Unions.

JAC officer-bearer Vishwanath, speaking to *Star of Mysore,* said that the employees started a *Padayatra* (march) from Chitradurga to Bengaluru on Apr. 8, leading up to the indefinite stir at Freedom Park. JAC had earlier held a negotiation with the Government in February this year, following which the workers temporarily withdrew their strike after the Government agreed to partially meet the demands (26 months of arrears). But workers continued to press for the full 38 months arrears and pay revision.

Echo of Chitradurga, Yadgir bus accidents

RTO intensifies checks on out-of-State tourist vehicles

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (GA&BCT)- The Mysuru Transport Department has stepped up checks on tourist vehicles from outside Karnataka, targeting illegal operations and tax evasion, particularly those plying without valid All-India Permits.

Special teams are inspecting vehicles at key locations across the city, including the Mysore Palace parking area, Doddakere Maidan, the Zoo premises and Chamundi Hill, as well as along major entry routes such as Mysuru-Bengaluru, Nanjangud, Manandavadi and Hunsur roads.

RTO teams stop over 150 vehicles a day, checking interiors, safety features and documents.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, S.N. Madhura, Road Transport Officer (RTO), Mysuru East, said joint drives are being carried out by the East and West divisions.

"We have been doing such drives and earlier we faced manpower shortages. Now these issues have been resolved to execute the safety drive during the summer holiday rush. They are in response to recent tragic bus accidents in Chitradurga and Yadgir, where vehicles caught fire, leading to loss of lives," she said.

"The State Government has directed all RTOs to check safety violations and ensure safety guidelines are adhered to," she noted.

Multiple violations

Madhura said no major violations had been found in vehicles registered within the State during the inspections.

"However, multiple violations were recorded among inter-State vehicles passing through Mysuru district. Vehicles found operating without a valid All-India Permit are being slapped with a spot penalty of Rs. 5,000. In addition to fines, officials are placing the vehicle Registration Certificate (RC) and Driving Licence (DL) of the drivers under suspension," she said.

Officials said non-compliant vehicles are being seized on the spot and will be released only after all legal formalities are completed and documents are produced.

Mysuru, a major tourist hub, sees a steady inflow of vehicles from neighbouring States. On regular days, 200 to 300 tourist vehicles enter the city, while the number crosses 500 on weekends and holidays.

Permit rules amended

The RTO said the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has amended the All-India Tourist Permit rules with effect from Apr. 1, 2026. Under the revised rules, the maximum continuous stay of a tourist vehicle outside its home State has been reduced from 90 days to 60 days. Tourist vehicles must begin and end their journey in their home State and return within the 60-day limit. Violations will attract penalties under the amended rules, she added.

KSIC's Secret Counter?!

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A matter of pride

For women from poor and middle-class families, purchasing a Mysore Silk saree is often a matter of pride despite financial constraints. However, access to these sarees has become increasingly difficult, with allegations that preferential treatment is being extended to a select few.

Despite the availability of designer sarees from leading brands, Mysore Silk continues to enjoy unmatched popularity.

Known for its softness, lightweight texture, natural sheen, use of pure silk threads, real gold and silver zari, vibrant colours & distinctive contrast borders, the sarees are priced between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 3 lakh, depending on craftsmanship.

They remain a staple for weddings, receptions, engagements, house-warming and naming ceremonies.

The high demand has resulted in daily queues outside the showroom. Although sales begin at 10 am, many women arrive hours in advance to secure a place in line, hoping to purchase at least one saree.

VIP counter opens at 3 pm

Even after entering the showroom, the process remains restrictive. Customers are reportedly allowed in batches of ten, shown only about ten sarees and required to make a quick selection. Within a couple of hours, most of the stock is said to be sold out.

Sources indicate that KSIC produces around 300 sarees a day, of which about 250 are made available at the showroom. The remaining 50 are set aside for VIP buyers. A special counter located within the Centenary Building of KSIC reportedly opens at 3 pm, where select customers are given the freedom to browse and choose from the best stock.

Access to this counter is said to be tightly controlled, with entry granted only after approval from KSIC's General Manager in Bengaluru. Recommendations from Ministers, Legislators or senior bureaucrats are reportedly required and many regular customers are unaware of the counter's existence.

In addition, every Wednesday and Friday, at least ten premium sarees are reportedly sent to Bengaluru showrooms, where they are again largely accessed by influential buyers.

The contrast has drawn criticism, with many questioning the fairness of the system. While ordinary customers wait for hours and often leave empty-handed, those with influence are able to make their purchases with ease, raising concerns over unequal access to a public-sector brand known for its heritage and cultural significance.

Officially 'closed' but practically wide open

Meanwhile, B.A. Vinay, Manager (Finance and Audit), KSIC Limited, maintains that the 'VIP counter' at Manandavadi Road showroom has been shut, citing disruption to workers. However, observations at the ground-level suggest otherwise. Despite official claims of closure, the counter is operational daily afternoon, around 3 pm, catering to select customers from Bengaluru and elsewhere. Access to 'VIP counter' continues to remain tightly controlled even as many customers complain that they are allowed only a limited time and choice, and are often asked to move on as staff attend to other customers, sometimes leaving them empty-handed.

Farmers make vain bid to lay siege to DC's Office

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MK&BS)- Tension prevailed for sometime, as farmers made a vain bid to lay siege to Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office at Siddarthanagar in the city this morning.

Beginning from today, farmers under the joint aegis of Federation of State Farmers Associations and State Sugarcane Growers Association, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar district, have called for a relay protest, demanding the payment of arrears from Bannari Amman and Mahadeshwara Sugar Factories.

As part of the protest, the farmers earlier began their sit-in demonstration from the area near the statue of late former Chief Minister Devaraj Urs, at the DC office premises. Following the arrival of State Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurbur Shanthakumar, the farmers assembled on the pathway leading to the portico of DC's Office.

A water pot covered by a white cloth and painted with 3 *namaas* (vertical lines) in red colour and *khali chippu* (empty coconut shells), were held by some of the farmers, indicating how farmers are being cheated by sugar factories. Some of the agitators held placards, written with Kannada slogans reading *Raitharige Chippu Needuttiruva Sakkare Karkhanegalu... Raithara Daari Thappisuttiruva Jilladhikarigalu...*

Eventually, the protesting farmers overpowered the Police by breaking through the barricades installed at the portico and ran towards the main door, only to be stopped by the Police.

They sat on the steps of DC's Office and raised slogans against the State Government and District Administration. They recalled the promise made by DC Lakshmikanth Reddy, during a meeting held with farmers and representatives of sugarcane factories.

The demands include immediate payment of dues of Rs. 100 additional amount per tonne of sugarcane supplied to factories, restoration of old system of Government bearing the expenses related to *akrama-sakrama* of irrigation pumpsets, issuance of tiller certificate to farmers tilling the land from 50 years along with simplification of *phodi* related procedures, prevention of farmers harassment by private moneylenders, One Time Settlement (OTS) for the loan disbursed to farmers at Karnataka Grameen Bank and cancellation of gold loan to farmers on the basis of CIBIL score and restoration of system of renewing gold loan for the farmers after collecting annual interest amount.

CESC Officer 'demoted'

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Soon after, Lokesh was relieved from the post of Director (Technical) and transferred as Chief Engineer, which Mahesh termed a demotion.

Another officer was posted as Acting Director (Technical) in his place, allegedly at the instance of Dr. Yathindra.

'Just leave it, sir'

When contacted, Lokesh told *Star of Mysore*, "Yes, there were some issues... just leave it, sir."

Lokesh, who is due to retire in 8 to 10 months, belongs to the Backward Class community. Citing this, Mahesh accused Dr. Yathindra of targeting the Officer from the Backward Classes despite his claims of supporting them.

Mahesh also termed the incident as yet another instance of unabated interference by Dr. Yathindra in the functioning of the administrative machinery.

However, Mahesh praised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for showing maturity in such matters and not acting hastily.

He alleged that such actions, based on Dr. Yathindra's whims and fancies, could bring disrepute to the Chief Minister hailing from Mysuru.

'Kadiru,' a compilation of late Manjula's writings released

Senior writer Dr. Baraguru Ramachandrappa** (third from left) **releasing the book 'Kadiru,' a compilation of late writer Manjula's articles, at a programme held at EMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri, Mysuru, as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MK&TRR)- Senior writer Dr. Baraguru Ramachandrappa released the book 'Kadiru,' a compilation of late writer Manjula's writings at EMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri here recently.

Speaking after releasing the book, Dr. Ramachandrappa hailed late writer Manjula's participation in several agitations relating to public interest.

"We often make excuses for our inability to do certain things. Several Professors cite various excuses for their non-participation in Movements. If we have the commitment to participate and concern for the good of the society, it is possible to take active part in pro-society agitations. Late Manjula actively participated in several pro-society Movements despite problems. Manjula had a hunger for knowledge and had studied all facets of literature," he said.

Stating that he does not believe in the saying 'Behind every successful man, there is a woman,' the senior writer opined, instead of saying 'behind,' we can say 'along with.'

"Great men like Bhagawan Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi though born in upper strata of the society worked for the welfare of the lower strata communities of the society. Dr. Ambedkar propagated that we should consciously move towards upper castes category. Late Manjula too had the same opinion," he recalled.

Describing death as a dictator who can never be defeated, he said we all need to surrender to him one day or the other. "But I never thought writer Manjula will become a victim of this dictator so early," he regretted.

Dr. Somashekar, Professor, Dr. B.R .Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore, gave a lecture on 'Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts on women.'

On the occasion, 'Manjula Madam Award' for the year 2026 was presented to retired Kannada Professor from Bengaluru Prof. Sukanya Maruti. The award included Rs. 25,000 cash, an ilkal saree and a memento.

Retired VC of Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura, Dr. Sabiha Bhoomigowda presided over the event. Organiser Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, Major R.M. Bharatinanda and others were present.

An event to foster student creativity

Mysuru, Apr. 21- The Mysore School of Architecture (MSA) and the Mysore School of Design (MSD) recently hosted "A Day to Explore Your Future, Creative Calling" an inspiring event designed to encourage creativity and self-expression among students.

The programme was organised in collaboration with the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, and the Department of Pre-University Education at the institution's campus on Dattagalli Ring Road.

Inaugurating the event, J.N. Prashanth, Managing Trustee of MSA and MSD, emphasised the importance of a natural approach to education. "Children should be allowed to be children. Living in harmony with nature is essential for human well-being," he stated.

Highlighting the institution's commitment since its inception in 2014, he noted that the school prioritises high-quality education backed by excellent infrastructure and a dedicated, expert faculty.

"Painting holds a significant place in the world of emotions. It is a powerful tool to nurture a student's latent potential. In today's world, we focus too heavily on stimulating the brain alone. We must provide equal opportunity for the rest of our senses to thrive. If we provide children with the right materials and creative freedom, it acts as a platform for their hidden talents to unfold," he said.

A Community of Support

Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, Trustee of L.K. Memorial Charitable Trust, lauded the institution for its inclusivity, mentioning that the school provides tuition concessions to students in need.

"We operate here like a family, and the success of this institution is a testament to the tireless efforts of our faculty and staff," she said.

Dr. Lakshmidevi also spoke on the essence of art, remarking that "Art and humanity are two sides of the same coin. In today's world, innovation is key. Whether through painting, clay modelling, or other artistic mediums, we must encourage students to learn and create."

A Day of Creative Exploration

The event saw enthusiastic participation by students from different schools across Mysuru, immersed themselves in various creative activities. Attendees were seen transforming blank sheets into artistic expressions using water colours, crayons, and sketch pens.

Beyond traditional painting, the workshop included diverse creative tasks such as caricature drawing, lantern making, and bridge construction, showcasing the students' ingenuity and technical interest.

Dr. H.S. Champa, Director and Dean of MSA expressing her satisfaction said: "This provided a wonderful platform for the students and gives us an opportunity to host such competitions periodically; it significantly boosts student creativity. It is also heartening to see parents actively supporting the growth and development of students and to choose their passionate profession."

During the event, the quarterly newsletter 'MSA Nudi' of the Mysore School of Architecture and Design was officially released. Attractive trophies and prizes were distributed to winners of creative competitions and workshops.

The panel discussion 'The Dialogue-Beyond School' by the panellists H. Gayatri Padmam, Kavita Shastri and Raja Arjun who represented Indian Institute of Interior Designers (IIID), Bangalore shared their professional journey through their projects and advised the students to keep up the energy and to learn through practical knowledge.

The event was attended by Dr. Nagashree - Trustee, Prof. Ranbir Mudaliar - Design Chair, Prof. Vivina Kuttaiah - MSD Principal, Prof. Safiya - HoD, Gopal Krishna and Muralidhar Kalachar, students, faculty and guests.

Creative Writing, Storytelling Workshop

Mysuru, Apr. 21- The Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), is set to organise a one-day Experiential Creative Writing and Storytelling Workshop aimed at nurturing imagination and communication skills among young learners.

The workshop will be held on Apr. 25 from 9.30 am to 4 pm at Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), Hebbal, Mysuru. It is specially designed for students aged 12 to 15 years, offering them a unique platform to explore the art of storytelling in an engaging and interactive environment.

The programme seeks to: Develop creative writing techniques; Enhance story-building and imagination skills; Build character creation and storytelling abilities.

Key Highlights: Interactive storytelling sessions; Group activities that foster collaboration; Hands-on creative writing exercises.

This experiential workshop is designed to move beyond traditional classroom learning by encouraging students to think creatively, express confidently and engage meaningfully with narratives. For details and registration, contact Mob: 86601-41467, according to a press release.

Free admission to meritorious for B.Com course

Mysuru, Apr.21 (MTY& DM)- Jnanadeepa First Grade College, Gangothri Layout in city, has offered free admission to first year B.Com course for students who have scored more than 80 percent marks in Second PUC.

The College has also announced a 50 percent discount on fees for children of farmers, Pourakarmikas, single parent, daily wage workers and labourers. For details, contact Mob: 97405-00533, according to College Principal Mary Florence.

102nd Mysuru Karaga begins

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (MTY&KS)- The six-day historical 102nd Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, organised by Ittigegud's Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, began today and will conclude on Apr. 26.

The festivities began at 6 am today with the performance of the first Abhisheka following which Kankana was tied on all four directions of city and various rituals for Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma were performed. A procession of Sri Chamundeshwari Karaga was taken out from the foot of Chamundi Hill to the temple at 11 am today.

At 1 pm, Sri Shakthi Karaga and Sri Mariyamma Karaga were taken out in a procession from Kote Mariyamma Temple and were brought to the Ittigegud Temple where the rituals were held in accordance with the custom. On Wednesday and Thursday, the Karaga will be taken in a procession on various streets of Ittigegud during which devotees welcome the Karaga to their homes and perform puja.

On Apr. 25 at 8 pm, the grand Karaga procession will be taken out from Renukadevi Temple premises and will pass through Palace Office Road (10 pm), Chamaraja Double Road (11 pm), N.S. Road (12 midnight), Nallappatana Police Station Road (1 am), Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mission Hospital Road, Kabir Road, Kalammagudi Temple Road (3 am), Kurubageri (4 am), Kumbarageri, Ashoka Road (5 am), Nazarbad (6 am) and Mysuru Zoo Road (8 am), before returning to the Temple.

The procession will be accompanied by a host of cultural troupes, folk troupes such as Puja Kunita, Karagaattam, Stick Fighting, Band Set, Channapatna Tamate, Kamsale, Kombu and Kahale Gaarudi Gombe among others.

On Apr. 26 afternoon, Okuli Aata, Ambali Puja, Tambittu Aarati and Uyyalotsava will be held. On Apr. 27, the Karaga will be immersed at Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna in the morning.

Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust President and former MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Vice-President P. Neelakantu, General Secretary C. Shivaprakash, Secretary V. Sundar, Treasurer L. Shambhavamurthy, Joint Secretary Harishkumar, Executive Members Hemu, Chikkalingaiah, Srikantaswamy, M. Manju, Chief Priest Subramanya Dixit, Srihari Dixit, Narayana, Babu, Karthik & Manager K. Nagaraju will participate.

'Basavanna an asset of whole mankind'

Shankar Bidari at Basava Jayanti valedictory in city

Mysuru, Apr. 21 (PM&BS)- Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha State President and retired IPS Officer Shankar Bidari called 12th century social reformer Basavanna as a personality, who belongs to the whole mankind.

Addressing the gathering during the valedictory of Basava Jayanti-2026 celebrations organised under the concept *Namma Basavanna Samskruthika Nayaka* by Basava Balagagala Okkuta, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, Veerashaiva Lingayat Associations and Organisations and the District Administration at Kalamandira in the city yesterday, Bidari said, 'it is sheer foolishness to believe that Basavanna belongs to Lingayats only. He belongs to all.'

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Padma Shri Dr. S.G. Susheelamma of Sumangali Seva Ashram, Bengaluru, progressive farmer Chinnaswamy Vaddagere, President of State Sugarcane Growers Association Kurbur Shanthakumar, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Division Nitesh Patil, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, President of Karnataka Union of Working Journalists Shivanand Tagadur & academician N. Sachidananda Murthy, were feted during Basava Jayanti celebrations in city yesterday.***

Explaining that the philosophy of Basava is a way of life, Bidari said, the philosophy which belongs to the whole human race across the country gives the right to crores of population to follow the ideas propagated by the revolutionary leader. Basavanna founded this way of life on such a vast pedestal, which however has not reached the populace much.

"We should take a cue out of Christian preachers in reaching the principles of Basavanna to humanity," added Bidari.

The call for reaching the philosophy of Basavanna is not merely out of selfishness, but to establish peace in the country, with the increasing number of Basava followers. It includes, dalits, backward classes, potters, banajigas, panchamsalis to name a few of several communities, representing different traditional occupations. However, we should embrace the feeling of oneness for permanent, which ensures one's progress, observed Bidari.

Elaborating on how Jains, Sikhs, Muslims pledge a part of their earnings for the cause of the community, including religious and social activities, he said, even Lingayats should delve on growing on their own wherewithal, without relying on the Government for every other activity.

Drawing an analogy between Sikhs and Lingayats, Bidari said, though the population of Lingayats is two percent more than Sikhs, the former's social concern, economic and political power can be equated with Rs. 100 value, while we poorly lag behind with mere Re. 1 value. Lingayats should self-introspect in these matters, as none are taking the community seriously, mainly due to the barriers that exist within the community, rued the retired IPS Officer. He (Bidari) also reiterated the words of late pontiff of Tumakuru Sri Siddaganga Mutt Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, who had described 'Veerashaiva and Lingayats as the same.'

Felicitation

Following achievers representing different fields were felicitated on the occasion: Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Division Nitesh Patil, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, *Padma Shri* Dr. S.G. Susheelamma of Sumangali Seva Ashram, Bengaluru, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, President of Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) Shivanand Tagadur, President of State Sugarcane Growers Association Kurbur Shanthakumar, academician N. Sachidananda Murthy and progressive farmer Chinnaswamy Vaddagere.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, junior pontiff of Tumakuru Sri Siddaganga Mutt Sri Shivasiddeshwara Swamiji and Devanur Mutt Seer Sri Mahantha Swamiji graced the event.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, State President of Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat Dr. C. Somashekar, former MLCs Thontadarya and Prof. K.R. Mallikarjunappa, former MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar, District President of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha Hinkal Basavaraj, President of Basava Balagagala Okkuta M. Chandrashekar, ex-Corporator K.V. Mallesh, Ayarahalli P. Virupaksha and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Indoctrinate

Pronunciation: in-DAHK-truh-nayt (verb)

Meaning: To indoctrinate someone is to teach them to fully accept the ideas, opinions and beliefs of a particular group while categorically rejecting other ideas, opinions and beliefs.

Origin: Indoctrinate means "brainwash" in most contexts today, but its meaning wasn't always so negative. When the verb first appeared in English in the 17th century, it simply meant "to teach"— a meaning linked closely to its source, the Latin verb docēre, which also means "to teach." (Other offspring of docēre include docile, doctor, document, and, of course, doctrine). By the 19th century, indoctrinate was being used in the sense of teaching someone to fully accept only the ideas, opinions and beliefs of a particular group.

Example: "They worry about being 'cut off' from poetry, particularly by the jobs that they need to sustain their daily lives and that they fear may quietly indoctrinate them into a contrary value system." — Katy Waldman, The New Yorker, 2 Feb. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Iatramelia

Medical negligence.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Down to the wire

Meaning: The idiom "Down to the wire" means waiting until the last minute to do something.

Origin: The origin of the idiom "Down to the wire" is in Horse-Racing. In the late 19th century, a small wire was strung across the track, above the finish line, to help the judges determine which horse crossed the finish line first. An early example appeared in the July issue of Scribner's Magazine in 1889, in the story 'How the derby was won': "As the end of the stand was reached Timarch worked up to Petrel and the two raced down to the wire."

Example: "I went partying yesterday and forgot that I'm supposed to submit my paper tomorrow. It's gonna be down to the wire and I'll have to pull an all-nighter to finish it on time."

QUOTE BOX

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. **— Jimmy Dean**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

IDEJEHT

Answer: Return of the Jedi.

SUDOKU

2								6
	8		1				4	
		6	2		5	3	1	
	2	4						
			4	1	9			
						8	5	
	6	1	3		2	7		
	9				8		2	
7								3

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	1	6	7	9	3	2	5
7	3	6	2	8	5	1	9	4
9	5	2	1	4	3	6	8	7
3	7	5	9	1	6	2	4	8
2	6	8	5	3	4	7	1	9
1	9	4	8	2	7	5	6	3
8	4	7	3	6	1	9	5	2
6	2	9	7	5	8	4	3	1
5	1	3	4	9	2	8	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

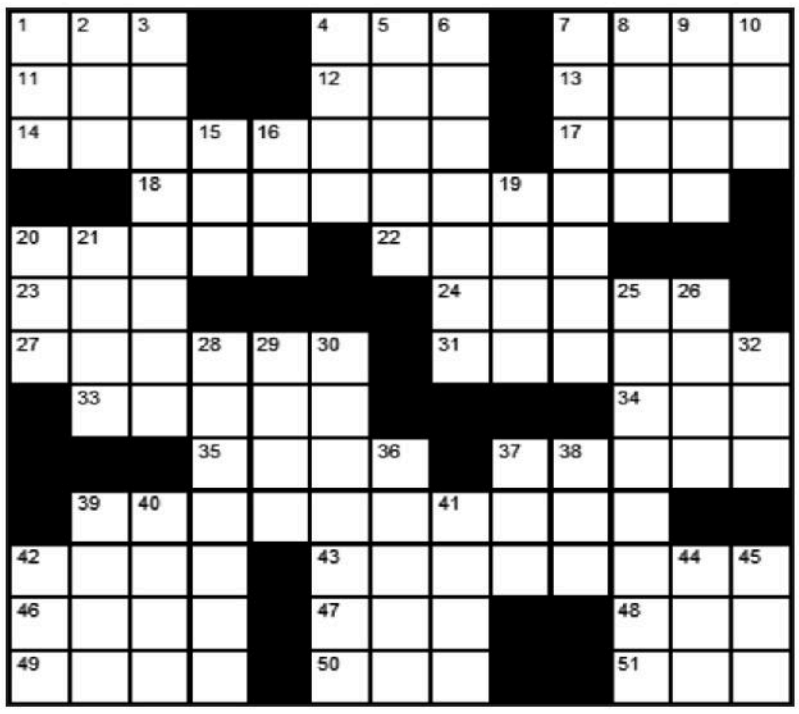
1 In the style of (1,2)
4 Inquire of
7 Castle or home, especially for the Spanish
11 Former coin of France
12 "No" in Scotland?
13 Couturier Cassini
14 Hearing
17 Zola title
18 Changed by turns
20 Small lizard, with adhesive pads on its toes
22 Air (prefix)
23 Inventor Whitney
24 Bit, burnt or smarted?
27 Petty ruler
31 Despot
33 African lake - "as any" anagram?
34 Chinese principle
35 City in Gujarat
37 Non-ordained Christians
39 Race starter's three-word utterance (5,3,2)
42 Venomous South African viper
43 Became angry or inflamed, in a way
46 Burn to ground
47 Mentalist Geller
48 Had a meal
49 Copied
50 Being fixed in a certain position
51 Tenet or rule

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	L	F	■	D	A	L	I	■	L	A	P
O	R	E	O	■	A	L	A	S	■	U	P	S
L	A	I	R	■	W	I	Z	A	R	D	R	Y
A	T	S	E	A	■	■	E	A	C	H	■	■
■	■	■	I	C	A	N	■	C	A	I	R	O
R	I	N	G	T	R	U	E	■	■	A	I	X
E	T	O	N	■	I	M	C	■	A	N	T	E
D	E	V	■	■	A	B	H	I	M	A	A	N
O	R	E	A	D	■	S	O	R	E	■	■	■
■	■	L	E	O	N	■	■	K	N	E	E	L
H	A	I	R	L	I	N	E	■	I	S	T	O
E	T	S	■	T	B	A	R	■	T	H	A	N
E	M	T	■	S	S	E	S	■	Y	A	L	E

DOWN

1 As bare ___ stone? (2,1)
2 Bud's movie partner
3 Effrontery
4 Sister of King Charles
5 Certain bones - "a scar" anagram?
6 Most eager or most like mustard?
7 Line on the map joining points of same altitude
8 Wings or winglike parts
9 Transmit to some destination
10 Revered personality ___ Khan
15 Kind
16 WWII battleground
19 Showily pretentious
20 Ground Earth Station
21 Dash or zest
25 Belonging to a country
26 Small insect
28 Ruined or devastated
29 ___ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
30 Ancient writing material
32 A doll or a kite
36 Grenoble river
37 Limited in short?
38 Grow old
39 Gather
40 Old Gaelic
41 Prepare for printing
42 Undergarment
44 Stirred "tea" for a Greek character?
45 Early morning moisture



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VPXQ H RHQ FOXHTF CADM VGZX, OPXMX GF QA

NXOOXM MXJXQKX OPHQ OA TXO PGR EXXU PXM.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who hunts for flowers will find flowers; and he who loves weeds may find weeds.

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  Bhooth Bangla (H) - 3 Shows

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Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.05 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm; (S-4) 4 pm
Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Oru Durooha Saahavharyathil (Ma)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 mohiniyattam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	12.45 pm, 5.10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.35 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	1.30 pm, 6.05 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	4.15 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.55 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.20 pm 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.35 am, 5.25 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 7.20 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Live Viewing (Korean)	:	11 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Re-Broadcasting (Korean)	:	3 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	11.15 am
Bad Boy Karthik (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	2.10 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	4 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	7.05 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.45 am, 11.05 am, 2.30 pm
		3.20 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	5.55 pm, 10.20 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Oru Durooha Saahacharyathil (Ma)	:	7.30 pm

'Karnataka Kalashree' awardees

The Karnataka Kalashree awardees — *(sitting from left)* ***B. Omkar Murthy (Owner, Omkar Studio, Bengaluru), Nanjunda Rao (Art Critic, Bengaluru), D. Ashwath Kadamba (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru) and K.J. Narayana Kikkeri (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru) — are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Vidu. Meenal Girish, Vidu. N. Sindhu, Mysore Ranganath, Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, Dr. Malathy, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar,*** *Karnataka Kalashree* ***Dr. K. Kumar, theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba, Kalaimamani Dr. Sangeetha Kabilan, Vidu. Yashaswini, Rishita, Preethi and K.M. Nidhi, during the 71st International Nirantara Kalemane Festival organised by Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal on Apr. 19.***

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 22)

- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthanada Trust, Ittigegud:** Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 102nd Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, various rituals, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha:** Sri Shankara Namana, Vadya Namana - 'Laya Shankara' by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy & troupe; Vacho Namana - Discourse by Dr. V.B. Arathi on 'Sadhana Chatushtaya,' Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4.15 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	11 am, 5.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.10 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	9.40 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 2.35 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	4.10 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Bengaluru Inn (K)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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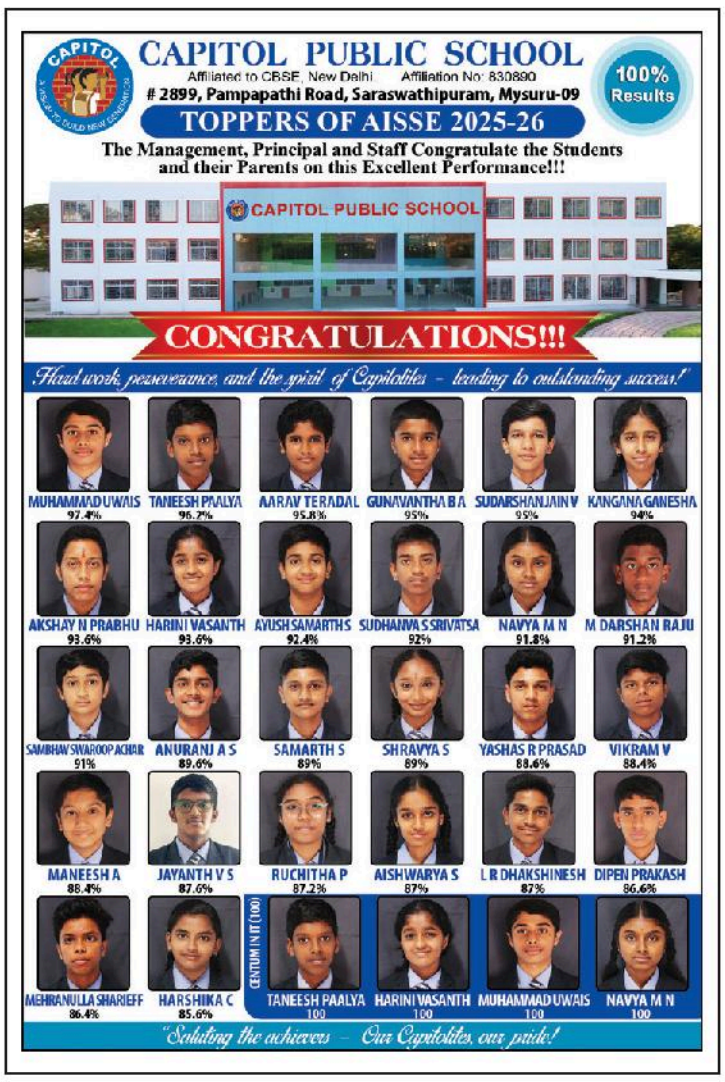
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